Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, January 27, 1988, marks the centennial of the incorporation of the National Geographic Society; and,

WHEREAS, It was founded "For the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge"; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1890, the National Geographic Society has supported more than 3,200 explorations and research projects; and,

WHEREAS, These explorations and research projects have added immeasurably to man's knowledge of earth, sea and sky; and,

WHEREAS, The National Geographic Society is now the largest scientific educational organization in the world; and,

WHEREAS, Each issue of the National Geographic Magazine is read by approximately fifty million people; and,

WHEREAS, The maps and globes issued by the Society have enriched the geographic knowledge of several generations of Americans; and,

WHEREAS, To help students do research on issues of science, social and geographic significance the National Geographic Society Kids Network has been formed; and,

WHEREAS, Ten thousand schools will participate in the National Geographic Society Kids Network within five years:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 24 through 30, 1988, as

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY WEEK

in South Dakota, and call upon the people of South Dakota to recognize the National Geographic Society for its many accomplishments on its centennial.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE